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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

☒ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description, pages 1-10, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the claims, Nos. 1-8, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1/1, as originally filed,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2, 7, 8	YES
	Claims	1, 3-6	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 7, 8	YES
	Claims	1, 3-6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Claims 1 and 3 to 6

1. Claim 1:

Document D1 describes (see figure 5) a plastic dispensing head mountable on two parallel hollow actuating rods and made in a single piece, which head includes:

- two parallel coupling sleeves (57a, 57b) engageable with the respective actuating rods and defining respective inlets,
- a dispensing nozzle (59) defining at least one outlet communicating with at least one dispensing port, and
- a cross member (143) connecting the sleeves to the nozzle and defining at least one connecting channel between the inlets and the outlet(s), wherein said at least one connecting channel extends transversely in relation to both the sleeves and the outlet(s), and said at least one connecting channel includes an access opening sealed by a sealing member, which sealing member is integral with the rest of the head.

2. Claim 3:

Document D1 describes (see figure 5) a dispensing head according to claim 1, wherein the sealing member is pivotably connected to the head.

3. Claim 4:

Document D1 describes (see figure 5) a dispensing head according to claim 3, wherein the sealing member is pivotably mounted about an axis between an open position and a sealing position.

4. Claim 5:

Document D1 describes (see figure 5) a dispensing head according to claim 4, wherein the sealing member is in the form of a pivotable flap connected to the rest of the head via a bridge of flexible material.

5. Claim 6:

Document D1 describes (see figure 5) a dispensing head according to claim 5, wherein the flap includes a sealing nipple designed to be forcibly inserted into the access opening.

6. It follows that the subject matter of claims 1 and 3 to 6 is not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).